

M240B Weight Reduction Program (M240E6)



Program Status

System development and demonstration phase

Initiated prototype hardware delivered for test

2Q FY08 Completed technical testing and limited user experiment

Projected Activities:

4Q FY08 Type classification and low-rate production

2Q FY09 Production contract award

The M240B Weight Reduction Program (M240E6) is intended to reduce the weight of the existing M240B between four pounds (minimum) and seven pounds (objective). This program will evaluate high-performance lightweight materials, such as titanium, and alternative manufacturing methods in fabricating major M240B components. The resulting improvements will reduce the Soldier's combat load while allowing easier handling and movement of the weapon.



The M240E6 Medium Machine Gun Titanium Receiver is currently in development.



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